# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Nursing assistants are essential in the lives of the people in their care, and each nursing assistant is called upon to create an environment of caring for the resident and the worker, as well; and,

***Whereas***, Nursing assistants are called upon to work with others who may present a myriad of personalities, habits and preferences, as well as physical care needs; and,

***Whereas***, A nursing assistant knows that simply performing a procedure correctly does not necessarily ensure the desired results; and,

***Whereas***, The experienced nursing assistant knows that good skills can make a world of difference to the resident who is lonely, confused or in pain, or has a poor appetite or problems getting out of a chair; and,

***Whereas***, Nursing assistants are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation and world to our elderly in long-term care facilities; and,

***Whereas***, Public recognition of nursing assistants provides a valuable service, not only for making nursing assistants more visible, but to also lessen the concern by family members when a loved one is in need of special care:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 15-22, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to recognize and validate the role of the nursing assistant in the health care system.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State